# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TEXTILES
# LOK SABHA

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TEXTILE INSTITUTES
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**Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:**

(a) the number of skilled labours likely to join the workforce in the textile sector during the Eleventh Plan;

(b) whether the Government has any proposal to set up large number of textile institutes in the country at the district level;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise; and

(d) the time by which the above institutes are likely to be set up?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (d): The textiles have been recognized as a thrust area for growth during the Eleventh Five Year Plan due to the sector's potential to boost productivity, employment and investment. Thus, it is projected that an additional 5 million jobs will be created for skilled labours in the textile sector during the Eleventh Plan. This, in turn, will create the need for an enlarged training and educational infrastructure. The Scheme of Neighbourhood Apparel & Textile Training Institutes for Job Assurance (NATIJA) has been formulated for establishing a network of employment-linked training facilities in basic garment manufacturing technology. The Scheme is designed to meet the projected demand of 4 million trained workers required in the garment industry over the next 5 years. This Scheme is to be operated at regional and sub-regional level across the country on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model. The existing ITIs/ Polytechnics and other such institutes could be considered for locating such centres in the initial phase. Creation of new training centres may be considered subsequently to meet the demand, as and when required. However, no time frame in this regard can be indicated at this stage.